

United States Patent and Trademark Office

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE UNITED STATES DEFAR IMENT OF COMINI United States Patent and Trademark Office Address COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandris, Viginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO. FIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTY. DOCKET NO. 272301US0PCT 10/539,614 Hans-Ulrich Petereit

> INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP03/11540

22850 OBLON, SPIVAK, MCCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C. 1940 DUKE STREET

I.A. FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE 10/18/2003 12/20/2002

CONFIRMATION NO. 4700 371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER *OC000000016815049*

OC000000016815049

Date Mailed: 08/22/2005

ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

06/17/2005

06/17/2005

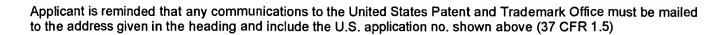
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/17/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/17/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/17/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/17/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 06/17/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/17/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 06/17/2005



TERRY M JOHNSON VESSELS Telephone: (703) 308-9140 EXT 221

PART 3 - OFFICE COPY

FORM PCT/DO/EO/903 (371 Acceptance Notice)